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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/740,694 filed December 22, 2003
Inventors: Murty N. ARIMILLI *et al.*
Title: Method and Compositions for Identifying Anti-HIV Therapeutic Compounds
Atty. Docket: 18477.031

Sir:

The following documents are transmitted herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) in the above-identified application:

1. Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (3 months); and
2. Amendment and Response to Office Action.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the statutory fee of \$1,050 for a three-month extension of time to counsel's Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 18477.031.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those provided for in the documents accompanying this paper. However, if such extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to counsel's Deposit Account Number 50-2387, referencing docket number 18477.031. Applicants likewise authorize a charge to Deposit Account Number 50-2387 for any other fees related to the present application that are not otherwise provided for in the accompanying documents.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures